

I am writing in support of bill SB418. Please forward it to the legislature.  
Connecticut's current law regarding off label drugs does not work because it provides that an off label drug has to be recommended on a listing of 2 out of 3 standard medical compendiums. Two of these compendiums no longer exist so there is no way to get around it. Some insurance carriers have used this as a shield to avoid allowing clearly effective treatments. To their credit, other insurance carriers recognize the effectiveness of these off label applications and follow the recommendation of the prescribing physician.

What we are working on is an updated law that will have a legitimate peer to peer discussion between the doctor who wants to prescribe the medication and the physician representing the insurance company. (Under the current law, the insurance company can say no even though a medicine has shown clear evidence of its effectiveness and even though it is not a more costly option.)

We are not talking about minor situations. These are often life altering and lifesaving situations .

Thank you.  
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